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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305) FDA 5630 Fishers Lane, room 1061 Rockville, MD 20852

Dear FDA:

I am writing to object to FDA's rule allowing the irradiation of eggs. This rule flies in the face of many studies showing that the process ruins the nutritional and aesthetic qualities of dairy and egg products.

Salmonella comes from overcrowded and dirty factory farms. This issue must be addressed before after-the-fact treatments should be used. The answer is simple, clean it up, don't irradiate.

Please continue to require that irradiated products are clearly labeled so I can stay clear of them in the grocery store.

I am respectfully submitting a request that the FDA holds a public hearing and stop the implementation of this rule.

Sincerely,

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